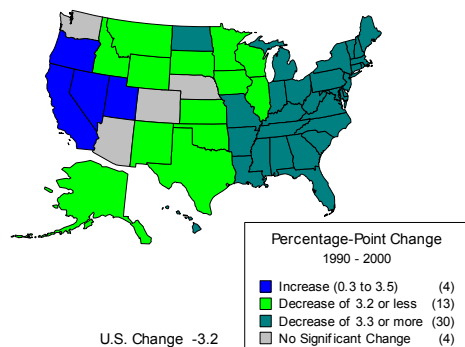


Characteristics of Children's Parents 1: Parental Educational Attainment and Military Employment: 1990 - 2000

Change in Percent of Children Living With at Least One

Parent who has Not Completed High School: 1990 - 2000



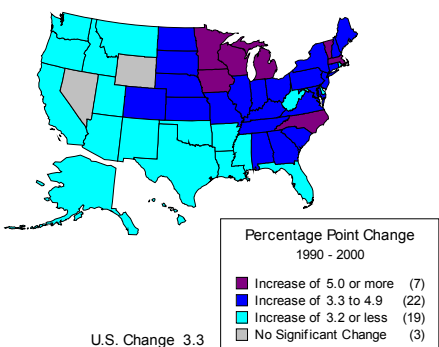
- In 1990 one in four children in the United States lived with a parent who had not completed high school. By 2000, this had dropped to 21.9 percent of all children.

- All regions decreased except the West, which increased by half a percentage point. Only four states had an increase and they were all in the West.

- Kentucky and Mississippi were among the states with the largest decreases, both dropping by 9.5 percentage points.

Change in Percent of Children Living With at Least One

Parent With a Bachelor's Degree or Higher: 1990 - 2000



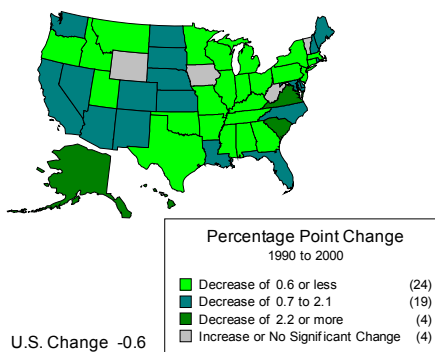
- The percentage of children in the United States living with a parent who had a bachelor's degree or higher increased from 25.6 percent in 1990 to 28.9 percent in 2000.

- All regions and almost all states experienced an increase, but few grew by more than 5 percentage points.

- Among the states that did have increases, New Mexico had the smallest point increase of 0.4 percentage points.

Change in Percent of Children Living With at Least One

Parent on Active Duty in Armed Forces: 1990 - 2000



- Nationally, the percentage of children who had at least one parent on active duty in the Armed Forces decreased slightly, to 1.0 percent in 2000.

- Hawaii decreased by 4.2 percentage points compared to national decrease of 0.6 points. Only West Virginia experienced an increase.

- Despite decreases over the decade, Hawaii and Alaska had the highest percentage of children living in households with at least one parent on active military duty in 2000 and 1990.